THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The survey conducted has indentified 200 districts out of 242 surveyed to be endemic in various States/UTs of the country. The survey revealed that the Northern, North Eastern and Tarai Regions are pockets of high prevalence.

(c) and (d) In order to control Iodine Deficiency Disorders, the Government is implementing the scheme of Universal Iodisation of Salt under National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme. Under this Programme funds are provided to States/UTs for the following activities:—

(i) Establishment of IDD Control Cell.
(ii) Publicity & Health Education.
(iii) Conducting IDD Surveys/re-surveys.
(iv) Establishment of IDD Monitoring Laboratory.
(v) Monitoring of quality control of Iodised Salt.

Development of Ayurvedic Medicines for Treatment of AIDS

6404. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayurvedic medicines have been invented in the which can cure AIDS;

(b) if so, the name of the State or laboratory where the medicine has been developed; and

(c) the steps taken to use the medicine for curing AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Eligibility for time bound promotions of Professors

6405. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleases to state:

(a) what are the rules and regulations governing the eligibility for the time bound promotions from Assistant Professors to associate Professors and from Associate Professors to Professors working as doctors under the Central health Service Teaching cadre in various teaching institutions;

(b) what is the number and details of doctors who have become eligible for promotion as Associate Professors and as Professor invarious specialities during the years 1993, 1994 and so far in 1995 and what are the reasons for which their promotions have not so far been made; and

(c) what is the present status of their promotions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a)

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professors

According to Rule 8(3) of the CHS Rules, Assistant Professors of Teaching Specialist Sub-cadre having two years regular service in the grade are eligible for promotion as Associate Professors on seniority-cum-fitness basis. The promotion is in-situ and without linkage to the availability of vacancies.

From Associate Professors to Professors

According to Rule 4(8)(iii) of the CHS Rules, Associate Professors with 6 years service as Associate Professor or 8 years of combined service as Assistant Professor and Associate Professor are eligible for placement in Non-Functional Selection Grade of Associate Professors in the pay scale of Rs. 4500-5700 on